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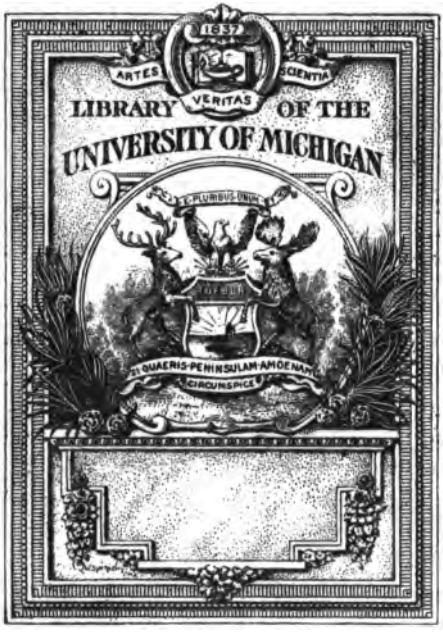

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LETTER OF TRANSMITTAL.

To His Excellency, EDWARD SCOFIELD,
Governor of Wisconsin:

The Wisconsin State Board of Agriculture is pleased to herewith submit its first biennial report.

The Board commenced its work under circumstances of a very trying nature. We were absolutely without funds, and the arrangements for the State Fair of 1898 were inaugurated and carried on to completion entirely upon a credit basis, the Board receiving generous consideration whenever asked. The public, to a certain extent, hesitated to give a cordial endorsement of the new management of the State Fair until satisfied of its purposes and aims. And our organization largely unaccustomed to fair work, especially of the extent and character of that confronting it, lacked the assurance that comes from experience and confidence.

We have no reasons for dissatisfaction with the results of the fair, mistakes were made, but these can in the future be avoided.

The weather was unpropitious as at times it must be. But out exhibits were excellent, being uniformly of a high character with no notably weak department, and exhibitors seemed satisfied with treatment received.

The attendance during the early days of the fair was completely satisfactory, and but for unfavorable weather, would undoubtedly have continued so to the end.

The Board is encouraged by the result of its past year's work, we feel that we have demonstrated that we are entitled to the loyal support of the people of the state, and that a State Fair judiciously and honestly run can be made a financial success.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN M. TRUE,
President.

C. H. EVERETT,
Secretary.

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WISCONSIN STATE BOARD OF AGRICULTURE FOR 1898.

OFFICERS.

President—JOHN M. TRUE, Baraboo.
Vice President—T. L. NEWTON, Beaver Dam.
Secretary—C. H. EVERETT, Madison.
Treasurer (ex officio)—S. A. Peterson, State Treasurer, Madison.

BOARD OF MANAGERS.

President, Vice President, H. A. Briggs, George McKerrow and George G. Cox.

MEMBERS OF BOARD.

At Large—John M. True, Baraboo.
At Large—S. D. Hubbard, Mondovi.
1st Dist.—H. A. Briggs, Elkhorn.
2d Dist.—T. L. Newton, Beaver Dam.
3d Dist.—Geo. G. Cox, Mineral Point.
4th Dist.—B. B. Hopkins, Milwaukee.
5th Dist.—George McKerrow, Sussex.
6th Dist.—F. A. Huebner, Manitowoc.
7th Dist.—Charles Linse, La Crosse.
8th Dist.—C. G. Wilcox, De Pere.
9th Dist.—David Wedgewood, Little Suamico.
10th Dist.—J. W. Thomas, Anson.

SUPERINTENDENTS OF DEPARTMENTS.

Privileges—S. D. Hubbard, Mondovi.
Gates—David Wedgewood, Little Suamico.
Forage—A. L. Vannaman, Milwaukee.
Transportation—John Le Feber, North Greenfield.
Horse Department—George G. Cox, Mineral Point.
Cattle Department—Charles Linse, La Crosse.
Sheep Department—H. A. Briggs, Elkhorn.

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Swine Department—George Wylie, Leeds.
Poultry Department—George McKerrow, Sussex.
Dairy Department—John W. Thomas, Anson.
Agricultural Department—F. A. Huebner, Manitowoc.
Horticultural Department—L. G. Kellogg, Ripon.
Machinery Department—J. E. Seaver, Darien.
Manufacturers' Department—John W. Ganes, Reeseville.
Fine Arts and Woman's Work—E. B. Heimstreet, Janesville.
Speed Department—C. G. Wilcox, De Pere.
Marshal—R. C. Vernon, Madison.

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ARTICLES OF ASSOCIATION AND BY-LAWS.

The Wisconsin State Board of Agriculture is created and its organization defined by Chapter 301, Laws of Wisconsin for 1897, which reads as follows:

Section 1. The Department of Agriculture, for the promotion of agriculture, dairying, horticulture, manufactures and the domestic arts, is hereby created, and shall be managed by a board to be styled the Wisconsin State Board of Agriculture to consist of twelve members to be appointed by the Governor of this State, one from each congressional district of the State and two at large, and at least one-third of said board shall be appointed from a different political party than the remainder of said board.

The members of said board shall hold office for a term of three years, except that four of the members first appointed shall hold office for one year, four for two years, and four for three years, from the first day of January, A. D. 1898, the governor at the time of appointment to designate the term for which each member is to serve.

The members of the Wisconsin State Board of Agriculture shall enter upon the duties of their office on the first day of January in each year, and shall hold office as hereinbefore provided, and the governor shall fill any vacancy for the remainder of such unexpired term.

Members of the state board shall serve without salary, but shall receive payment of actual traveling expenses incurred while in the performance of their duties.

Section 2. The state board shall hold its first annual meeting on the first day of June, 1898, and thereafter such annual meetings shall be held on the first Tuesday of March of each year. At each such annual meeting the state board shall elect one of its number president, and one as vice president of said board, who shall perform such duties as usually pertain to such offices.

Section 3. The state board shall annually elect some person, not a member of said board, as secretary thereof, who shall hold his office for a period of one year, unless he shall be sooner removed by the said board.

Section 4. The treasurer of the state of Wisconsin shall be treasurer ex-officio of said state board.

Section 5. The state board shall keep an office for the transaction of

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business in such rooms in the copitol in Madison as may be assigned by the governor.

Section 6. The State Board of Agriculture shall have the sole control of the affairs of the department of agriculture, and of all state fairs, and may make such by-laws, rules and regulations in relation to the department of agriculture, and the management of the busines of such department in said fairs, and the offering of the premiums, as a majority of said state board shall from time to time determine, not inconsistent with the constitution or law of this state, or of the United States.

Section 7. Whatever money shall be appropriated to the department of agriculture or come to it from any other source, shall be paid to the state treasurer, and paid out on the order of the State Board of Agriculture, and may be expended by it as in the opinion of said board will best advance the interests of agriculture, dairying, horticulture, manufactures and the domestic arts in this state; provided, however, that no officer, clerk or employee of the said state board of agriculture shall have any claim upon the state of Wisconsin for any salary or expenses, except such as may be allowed by said board and paid from any appropriation or funds under its control; provided, however, further, the state of Wisconsin shall not in any manner whatever be liable for any debt, contract or obligation incurred by said board.

Section 8. The state board of agriculture shall make and deliver to the governor of the state, a report of its actions and doings once in two years, on or before the first day of December, next preceding the regular session of the legislature, and the secretary of state shall forthwith print five thousand copies of said report.

Section 9. All annual appropriations heretofore made to the Wisconsin State Agricultural Society shall from and after the passage of this act, be paid to the state board of agriculture, and the said state board of agriculture shall be furnished with stationery, etc., the same as is now furnished to the Wisconsin State Agricultural Society.

Section 10. All act or parts of acts contravening the provisions of this act, are hereby repealed.

Section 11. This act shall take effect and be in force on and after January 1st, 1898.

DUTIES OF OFFICERS.

1. The president shall preside at all meetings of the board, call special meetings, upon the written application of one-third of the members of the board, and have general supervision of the affairs of the board, and shall countersign all orders drawn by the secretary for the payment of money.

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2. The vice president shall in the absence or inability of the president perform all the duties of that officer.

3. The secretary shall act under the direction of the board, and it shall be his duty to record the proceedings of all meetings of the board, take charge of all papers or documents pertaining to the business of the board, attend to all correspondence and transmittal by mail of business required in the work of his office.

He shall draw all orders on the treasurer for the payment of money, keeping a full and complete list of all orders drawn, stating to whom, for what purpose, and the amount thereof.

He shall attend to the preparation of premium lists ordered by the board and arrange all other books or material required for the running of state affairs.

He shall submit to the board at its annual meeting in each year, a report of all orders drawn upon the treasurer by him, in favor of whom, for what purpose, and the amount thereof.

He shall perform such other duties as may be required of him by the board.

The salary of the secretary shall be $1,200, payable in monthly payments at the end of each month.

4. The treasurer shall receive and hold all moneys belonging to the board, keeping the same in a separate fund, and pay out the same only upon orders drawn by the secretary, and countersigned by the president of the board.

He shall in person or by deputy, establish an office upon the fair grounds during each annual fair held by the board, and under the direction of the board arrange for the sale of all tickets of admission to the grounds or grand stand.

Ticket sellers shall be under his direction and accountable to him.

He shall render a full report to the board at its annual meeting in each year, of all moneys received by him, and the amount paid out upon orders, which report in connection with that of the secretary, shall at that time be duly audited by the board, and from time to time, as required by the board, report the amount of funds in his possession belonging to the board.

5. At the annual meeting in March of each year, the board shall elect three members, who in conjunction with the president and vice president shall constitute a board of managers.

The board of managers shall be charged with the carrying out in detail all affairs provided for by the board at its regular or special meetings, have general oversight and direction of the annual fair, during its progress, and at its close shall settle all bills, arrange for payment of premiums, and settle with the various officers of the fair. It shall also from time to time consider and allow or disallow all bills

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for expenses and services not regulated and provided for by the rules of the board.

It shall render a report of its transactions to the board at its annual meeting in each year.

Special meetings of the board of managers shall be called by the president at his discretion.

OFFICERS OF THE FAIR.

6. The state board of agriculture shall at its annual meeting in each year arrange for the holding of its annual fair, by the preparation of a premium list, arrangements for advertising, and obtaining all necessary books, blanks, tickets, etc., needed in operating its fair. It shall also elect the following officers to hold their positions during the arrangements for and holding of the annual fair in that year:

A Marshal, a Superintendent of Gates, a Superintendent of Forage, a Superintendent of Transportation, a Superintendent of Privileges, and superintendents of the several departments classified in the premium list.

These supernitendents shall be chosen on account of fitness for the several positions and may or may not be members of the board.

They shall each receive five dollars per day as compensation for their services during the time they may serve the board.

Each superintendent shall be entitled to one assistant, and the marshal to two assistants, and the compensation of assistants is fixed at $3.50 per day.

The employment of clerks and other helpers, and the fixing of their compensation shall be left with the board of managers.

7. The Marshal shall arrange for and have charge of all police, under the direction of the board of managers.

It shall be his duty to see that order is preserved, that the rules of the board are enforced, and he shall aid the superintendents and judges in live stock departments in their work.

He shall at close of fair render a report to board of managers, showing the number of police employed, their names, and the amount paid each for service.

8. The Superintendent of Gates shall have direct charge and oversight of all gate keepers, and see that their work is properly done, in accordance with directions of the board of managers. He shall, at close of fair, render a report to the board of managers, giving the names, time of service, and amount paid each for service.

9. The Superintendent of Forage shall purchase all needed hay, straw, and grain at prices most advantageous possible to the board

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and sell the same to exhibitors for cash at such prices as will make the department simply self supporting.

He shall keep books showing forage bought, of whom, and price paid, and also amount sold, to whom, and for what price, and at close of fair render his report, and turn over his books in settlement with board of managers.

10. The Superintendent of Transportation shall, under the direction of the board of managers, have sole charge of transferring exhibits from trains to places of exhibit, and at close of fair from places of exhibit to trains, and shall arrange such rates of transportation as to make the department simply self supporting.

He shall keep books showing cost of teams and labor employed: also amounts received, when and from whom, for services rendered, and at close of fair, shall submit his report and turn over his books to the board of managers, in settlement.

11. The Superintendent of Privileges shall have charge of all grounds or space set apart by the board of managers for rent during the fair, and by it platted and appraised; and shall rent such space or grounds to persons requiring the same for purposes approved by the board.

He shall keep a record of all lots or spaces rented, to whom, for what purpose, and the amount received in payment for the same.

All space shall be rented for cash, in advance.

He shall submit his report, with books kept, to the board of managers, in settlement at close of fair.

12. The Superintendent of Speed shall have charge of all track exhibits of speed or otherwise.

He shall, in consultation with the board of managers, arrange purses to be offered for races, the aggregate amount to be offered having been first fixed by the board of agriculture.

He is also authorized to expend such an amount as the board may direct in the advertising and promotion of the interests of his department.

He shall, under the direction of the board of managers, have charge of speed barns, at time of fair, and attend to collection of rent for stalls therein; and at close of fair render a full statement of receipts and expenditures of his department, to the board of managers.

13. The remaining superintendents shall have charge of their respective departments, the arrangement of exhibits, and the presentation of the same to judges for award of premiums.

They shall render a report in writing, of their several departments, during the fair, with such recommendations as they may deem proper, to the board at its annual meeting.

14. Judges of the several departments shall be selected by the super-

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intendents of the respective departments and the board of managers, such judges being appointed in season for publication of names in premium list.

15. At all meetings of the board of which the members have had five days' notice, seven members shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business, but a less number may adjourn to a stated time.

Three members of the board of managers shall constitute a quorum, all members having first been given two days' notice of meeting.

16. The articles may be amended or repealed at any regular meeting of the board of agriculture, by a two-thirds vote of the board.

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FIRST BIENNIAL REPORT

OF THE

Wisconsin State Board of Agriculture

FOR THE YEARS 1897-98.

MINUTES OF BOARD MEETINGS.

Madison, Wis., June 1st, 1897.

The Wisconsin State Board of Agriculture held its first meeting in the Capital at Madison at 2 o'clock P. M. on the above date, with all members present except F. A. Huebuer.

A temporary organization was made by the election of Hon. John M. True as President and George McKerrow as Secretary.

On motion a committee of three was appointed to act with the President in drafting Rules and By-laws for the government of the Board, to be submitted at the next meeting.

The chair appointed T. L. Newton, C. G. Wilcox, and George McKerrow as such committee.

On motion the President was selected to represent the Board at the next annual meeting of the Board of State Fair managers.

Several matters of importance were discussed upon which no definite action was taken.

On motion the Board adjourned to meet on call of the President.

GEORGE MCKERROW,
Temporary Secretary.

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Madison, Wis., Jan. 6th, 1898.

Pursuant to call of President True the Wisconsin State Board of Agriculture met at their rooms in the capitol at 2 o'clock P. M. on the above date.

The following members answered to roll call:

State at large—John M. True.
State at large—S. D. Hubbard.
1st District—H. A. Briggs.
2d District—T. L. Newton.
3d District—George G. Cox.
5th District—George McKerrow.
6th District—F. A. Huebuer.
7th District—Charles Linse.
8th District—C. G. Wilcox.
9th District—David Wedgewood.
10th District—J. W. Thomas.

On motion of C. G. Wilcox, M. R. Doyon was elected temporary Secretary without compensation.

On motion of George G. Cox the report of committee on Rules and By-laws was adopted.

On motion a committee of three consisting of George McKerrow, S. D. Hubbard, and H. A. Briggs was appointed by the chair to prepare a premium list to be submitted at the annual meeting in March. The President was elected ex-officio chairman of the committee.

Meeting adjourned until 7:30 o'clock.

M. R. DOYON,
Secretary.

AGRICULTURAL ROOMS, Madison, Wis.
January 6th, 1898, 8 P. M.

President John M. True in the chair.

On motion C. G. Wilcox was selected to present a speed program at the annual meeting.

The following was adopted:

Resolved, That the State Board of Agriculture will welcome a

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committee from the State Agricultural society at its annual meeting in March for a conference upon the mutual interests of both organizations.

On motion the Board adjourned to March 1st, 1898, 2 o'clock P. M.

M. R. DOYON,
Secretary.

Madison, Wis., March 1st, 1898, 2 o'clock P. M.

The Wisconsin State Board of Agriculture met in annual meeting at Agricultural Rooms in the Capitol on the above date. President John M. True in the chair.

Roll was called and the following named members found present:

State at large—John M. True.
State at large—S. D. Hubbard.
1st District—H. A. Briggs.
2d District—T. L. Newton.
3d District—Geo. G. Cox.
5th District—Geo. McKerrow.
6th District—F. A. Huebuer.
7th District—Charles Linse.
8th District—C. G. Wilcox.
9th District—David Wedgewood.
10th District—J. W. Thomas.

Minutes of last meeting read and approved.

On motion of S. D. Hubbard the Board went into executive session.

Motion made by Mr. Briggs that all voting for election of officers and superintendents of departments be by ballot, was carried.

Report of committee on premium list was adopted.

E. B. Heimstreet of Janesville and Ralph C. Vernon of Madison, appeared before the Board as a committee from the State Agricultural society. Mr. Heimstreet stated that the floating debt had all been paid, and that they had quite a number of articles that would be turned over to the state. He further stated that the society had elected no new officers, nor had they made

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any arrangements for a Fair, but would act in unison with the State Board of Agriculture for a successful State Fair.

Mr. Vernon reported all debts of the State Agricultural Society paid to date. He was opposed to recognizing members of State Agricultural Society by giving them admission tickets, and felt that a large majority of life members were in harmony with him.

On motion of Mr. McKerrow it was voted that the board receive the report in the same liberal spirit in which it was given, and that the Board receive the property turned over to it, and promise to give the same care and protection.

On motion the Board proceeded to the election of officers which resulted in the election of

John M. True—President.

T. L. Newton—Vice-President.

M. R. Doyon—Secretary.

On motion salary of secretary was fixed at $1,200 per annum.

H. A. Briggs, George G. Cox, and George McKerrow were elected members of the Board of Managers.

The Board proceeded to the election of superintendents of the various departments.

The following amounts were appropriated:

Dept. Horticulture, $300.00.

Dept. Fine Arts, $1,000.00.

Dept. Dairy, $720.00.

By vote of the Board $4,000.00 was allowed speed department and management of same was left with Board of Managers and Supt. C. G. Wilcox.

On motion the communication from Hampshire Down Breeders' association in regard to premiums offered in department of sheep, was left with Board of Managers and superintendent of sheep.

Power was granted Board of Managers to change rules as found necessary.

Report of committee on Agriculture was presented by Chairman McKerrow and same adopted.

On motion the chair appointed C. G. Wilcox, J. W. Thomas

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and George McKerrow a committee to confer with secretary of state in regard to state appropriation for 1897.

On motion Board adjourned.

M. R. DOYON,
Secretary.

Madison, Wis., April 13th, 1898.

MEETING OF BOARD OF MANAGERS.

Under call of president, the Board of Managers of Wisconsin State Board of Agriculture met at rooms in the capitol. All members present.

Chair announced the business of the meeting to be completion of premium list and election of judges.

Voted to adopt recommendation of Supt. Thomas in regard to arrangement of Dairy Hall, also those offered by Supt. Heimstreet for dept. fine arts, and woman's work.

On motion one assistant, two helpers, and two judges were allowed in dept. fine arts, and woman's work.

Dept. horticulture arranged by Supt. Kellogg was amended by adding premiums for plums, and sweepstakes premium for fruit.

On motion of Mr. Newton it was voted that entries in all departments be made with the secretary.

Messrs. True and McKerrow were authorized to arrange for headquarters in Milwaukee during the state fair. They were also given power to complete arrangements for pigeon exhibit, and to contract for publication of advertising posters.

The following judges were named:

Dept. A, Horses—Griffith Richards, Racine, Wis.

Dept. B, Cattle—(beef breeds)—W. H. Potts, Chicago, Ill.

Dept. B, Cattle—(dairy breeds)—H. C. Taylor, Orfordville, Wis.

Dept. C, Sheep—Prof. Thomas Shaw, St. Anthony's Park, Minn.

Dept. D, Swine—George W. Hunt, Greenwood, Ill.

Dept. E, Poultry—George Ewald, Cincinnati, Ohio.

Dept. F, Agriculture—John W. Ganes, Reeseville, Wis.

Dept. F, Agriculture—Irving C. Smith, Green Bay, Wis.

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Dept. F, Agriculture—Mrs. S. E. Holms, Watertown, Wis.

Dept. G, Dairy—(butter)—W. D. Colgate, Chicago, Ill.

Dept. G, Dairy—(cheese)—C. A. White, Fond du Lac, Wis.

Dept. H, Horticulture—(fruit)—J. S. Harris, La Crescent, Minn.

Dept. H, Horticulture—(flowers)—Mrs. Jas. Templeton, Templeton, Wis.

Dept. L, Fine Arts and Woman's Work—Mrs. J. F. Pember, Janesville, Wis.; Lillian A. Growe, Neillsville, Wis.

Adjourned.

M. R. DOYON,
Secretary.

Madison, May 31st, 1898.

The Wisconsin State Board of Agriculture met at 7 o'clock P. M. in pursuance of call of President True. Quorum present.

M. R. Doyon presented his resignation of the office of secretary, which on motion of Mr. Hubbard was accepted.

On motion the Board proceeded to the election of a secretary for balance of the year, which resulted in the election of C. H. Everett.

On motion salary of secretary elect is to commence June 15th.

On motion President True was elected to represent the board at next meeting of state fair managers.

Adjourned to meet in Milwaukee June 1st.

Milwaukee, June 1st, 1898.

Adjourned meeting of Wisconsin State Board of Agriculture was called to order by President True at Hotel Pfister, 1:30 o'clock P. M. Quorum present.

On motion, The Board of Managers were instructed to secure a lease of state fair park from receivers. Such lease to cover a preparation by receivers of grounds and buildings thereon for state fair use.

On motion Board adjourned.

GEORGE MCKERROW,
Secretary Pro Tem.

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Madison, July 29th, 1898.

In pursuance of call of President True, the Board of Managers of the Wisconsin State Board of Agriculture met in agricultural rooms in capitol on the above date.

Members present were:

State at large—John M. True.
State at large—S. D. Hubbard.
1st District—H. A. Briggs.
3d District—Geo. G. Cox.
4th District—B. B. Hopkins.
5th District—Geo. McKerrow.
8th District—C. G. Wilcox.

On motion of Mr. Briggs Mr. McKerrow was authorized to correspond with manager of Stuyvesant stock farm in reference to an exhibit of their Dorset flock at Wisconsin state fair.

Superintendent of department speed, C. G. Wilcox, presented to the board premium list for his department. The amount of money ($5,000.00) appropriated by the list as purses in the different classes, was, on motion of Mr. McKerrow, allowed.

Mr. Hopkins' report on the condition of state fair park was evidence that repairs were needed in different departments. Acting upon his report the board voted that when the meeting adjourn it be to Friday, August 5th, 1898, at ten o'clock A. M. on fair grounds, and that secretary notify superintendents of transportation, forage, swine, agriculture, horticulture, dairy and machinery to meet with board at such meeting.

The question of attractions at state fair was discussed at length and finally disposed of on motion of Mr. Hubbard, which authorized President True to secure such as in his judgment were deemed necessary and attractive.

Mr. Fitzgerald of Milwaukee, presented samples of lithographs, posters, etc., to be used in advertising. By vote of the board 300 banners were ordered printed.

President True was authorized to procure tickets for use during fair week. Badges, entry tags, and other needed supplies were left with the secretary.

On motion meeting adjourned. C. H. EVERETT,
Secretary.

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Milwaukee, Aug. 5th, 1898.
Hotel Pfister Club Room, 2 o'clock P. M.

Adjourned meeting of Board of Managers of Wisconsin State Board of Agriculture was called to order by President True. Quorum present.

On motion of Mr. Cox duly seconded and carried, President True was authorized to open correspondence with musical organizations throughout the state with view of securing abundant and proficient music for the fair.

On motion of Mr. McKerrow former action by the board, fixing charge of admittance to grounds for conveyance drawn by one or two horses, was so amended as to allow such conveyance (with the exception of supply wagons) to enter the grounds free, provided occupants are properly provided with tickets of admission.

A representative of a Spectacular Performance Co., appeared before the board soliciting patronage for his company at the coming state fair. On motion of Mr. Hopkins the matter was laid on the table.

On motion of Mr. Hopkins the services of Mr. Carmichael in advertising the fair, were accepted.

On motion meeting adjourned subject to call of president.

C. H. EVERETT,
Secretary.

AGRICULTURAL ROOMS, Madison, Wis.
Sept. 2d, 1898, 2 o'clock P. M.

Meeting of Board of Managers of Wisconsin State Board of Agriculture. Quorum present.

President True in the chair.

Action was taken by the board in the matter of compensation for clerks in secretary's office, watchmen, police, and laborers. Amount as fixed by the board to be $3.50 per day for clerks, and $2.00 per day for watchmen, police and laborers.

Various subjects of interest were discussed upon which no definite action was taken.

Meeting adjourned subject to call of president.

C. H. EVERETT,
Secretary.

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Pfister Hotel, Milwaukee, Wis.
Sept. 17th, 1898, 8 o'clock P. M.

Meeting of Wisconsin State Board of Agriculture was held at above time and place.

President True in the chair.

Question of closing gates to the public on Sunday and Monday of fair week, was discussed at length, and on motion of Mr. Briggs, superintendent of gates was instructed to admit none but officers, exhibitors, and those having business upon the grounds, during the two days above mentioned.

Motion made by Mr. Briggs (same duly seconded and carried), that gate keepers and ticket sellers report for duty at 7 o'clock A. M. each day of the fair.

Adjournment.

C. H. EVERETT,
Secretary.

Hotel Pfister, Milwaukee.
Sept. 20th, 1898, 8 o'clock P. M.

Meeting of Board of Managers of Wisconsin State Board of Agriculture.

President True in the chair. All members present.

On motion of Mr. Briggs the board proceeded to the election of delegates to represent the state board at meeting of state fair managers to be held at Omaha during the month of Oct., 1898. John M. True, T. L. Newton and George McKerrow were elected as such delegates, and H. A. Briggs, J. W. Thomas and Geo. G. Cox were elected as alternates.

No further business being presented, board adjourned.

C. H. EVERETT,
Secretary.

Hotel Pfister, Milwaukee, Wis.
Sept. 23d, 1898, 8 o'clock P. M.

Meeting of Wisconsin State Board of Agriculture was held in club room with President True in the chair and all members present.

Object of the meeting as stated by the president, was to determine what action should be taken in case a deficiency in re-

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ceipts to pay all obligations of the board, was made apparent by secretary's books at close of fair.

By unanimous vote the officers of the board were authorized to negotiate a loan sufficient to pay all just claims in full.

Moved by Mr. Hopkins, that if a loan was found necessary each member of the board personally endorse security for same. motion prevailed unanimously.

Meeting adjourned subject to call of president.

C. H. EVERETT,
Secretary.

AGRICULTURAL ROOMS, Madison, Wis.
Oct. 11th, 1898, 2 o'clock P. M.

In pursuance of call of President True, special meeting of Wisconsin State Board of Agriculture was held at above time and place.

Roll called, and members found present were:

State at large—John M. True.
State at large—S. D. Hubbard.
1st District—H. A. Briggs.
4th District—B. B. Hopkins.
6th District—F. A. Huebuer.
7th District—Chas. Linse.
8th District—C. G. Wilcox.
9th District—David Wedgewood.
10th District—J. W. Thomas.

Minutes of last meeting read and approved.

Report of treasurer was called for, and amount of money in his hands found to be insufficient to pay liabilities of board in full.

On motion of Mr. Hopkins former action of board was ordered carried out. A note for $1,600.00 was drawn in favor of First National Bank of Beaver Dam and said note was duly signed by officers and members of the board.

On motion of Mr. Hopkins the chair appointed S. D. Hubbard, C. G. Wilcox, and B. B. Hopkins a committee to meet with Governor Scofield in reference to financial standing of the board.

On motion meeting adjourned. C. H. EVERETT,
Secretary.

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AGRICULTURAL ROOMS, Madison, Wis.
Dec. 2d, 1898, 2 o'clock P. M.

In pursuance of call of President True, the Wisconsin State Board of Agriculture met in special meeting on the above date.

Roll was called and the following named members found present:

State at large—John M. True.
State at large—S. D. Hubbard.
1st District—H. A. Briggs.
3d District—Geo. G. Cox.
4th District—B. B. Hopkins.
5th District—George McKerrow.
6th District—F. A. Huebuer.
7th District—Chas. Linse.
10th District—J. W. Thomas.

Minutes of last meeting read and approved.

The committee appointed at last meeting to confer with secretary of state in regard to state appropriation of $4,000.00 reported that warrant had been drawn for the amount and same placed to the credit of the board.

On motion of Mr. Hopkins the president and secretary were instructed to cancel note drawn favor of First National Bank of Beaver Dam for $1,600.00 by payment of same.

On motion of Mr. Hopkins, secretary was instructed to allow Taylor county $30.00 and Oneida county $25.00 from fund appropriated for county exhibits and not otherwise expended.

Outstanding claims against the board were on motion left with board of managers for settlement.

Adjournment.

C. H. EVERETT,
Secretary.

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SECRETARY'S WARRANT ACCOUNT FOR 1898.

No.	To whom and for what.	Amount.
1	Clara Ambrechd, assistance in office	$12 75
2	Void.	
3	J. C. Dennison, 4th money, 2:20 trot	25 00
4	Henry Kelly, 1st money, 2:35 pace	180 00
5	W. C. De Ryder, 2d money, 2:35 pace	80 00
6	Beloit City Band	77 55
7	Geo. McKerrow, money advanced by him to pay Thos. Shaw, judge sheep dep't, and Arthur Ott, watchman	52 00
8	John Loubs, 2d money 2:28 trot	100 00
9	H. W. Clark, 1st money, 2:28 trot	225 00
10	C. G. Wilcox, advertising sheep dep't	152 77
11	C. G. Wilcox, board Oneida band	25 50
12	David Wedgewood, total expense dep't gates	136 00
13	J. W. Ganes, supt. dep't manufactures	60 00
14	R. Vernon, expense marshal's department	230 50
15	Thos. Livesby, fixing pump	17 35
16	Geo. Ewald, judge, pigeons	7 25
17	Robert Jors, judge, pigeons	35 00
18	C. H. Everett, money turned in by receipt No. 369	22 75
18	C. & N. W. Ry., freight on pipe	4 40
19	Geo. W. Hunt, judge, dep't swine	31 50
20	H. C. Taylor, judge, dep't dairy cattle	25 00
20	Geo. Reuland, clerk and reporter	8 60
21	Jos. Clauder, music State Fair	85 00
22	E. H. Marriott, clerk and reporter	4 50
23	W. T. Potts, judge, beef cattle	30 00
24	W. L. Carlisle, assistant supt. dep't cattle	24 50
25	M. E. Chadwick, entry clerk	63 00
26	C. L. De Ryder, 1st money 2:20 trot	150 00
27	Minnie Prichard, clerk secretary's office	31 50
28	C. A. Prichard, clerk secretary's office	31 50
29	Bella Kayser, entry clery	35 00
30	D. C. Hayes, clerk speed department	31 50
31	Geo. Wylie, superintendent department swine	50 00
32	Eddie Kienert, assistant superintendent swine	17 50
33	Merton Hall, clerk secretary's office	31 50
34	Griffith Richards, judge department horses	30 00
35	Miss Brady, clerk secretary's office	31 50
36	N. S. Hopkins, clerk secretary's office	31 50
37	Dora Webber, clerk secretary's office	31 50
38	R. C. Vernon, marshal's department	32 00
39	R. J. Coe, assistant superintendent department horticulture	19 22
40	Thos. Clark, partial payment on premiums	70 00
41	Wm. Fox, partial payment on premiums	10 00
42	C. B. Waddall, 3d money 2:28 trot	40 00
43	H. P. West, partial payment on premiums	50 00
44	F. B. Stewart, partial payment on premiums	25 00
45	Sewell A. Peterson, expenses, department treasury	294 00
46	W. W. Vaughn, premiums	16 00
47	Sackman & Browning, partial payment on premiums	27 00
48	Dorsey Bros., partial payment on premiums	24 00
49	J. W. Martin, partial payment on premiums	35 00
50	J. E. Robbins, partial payment on premiums	50 00
51	W. P. Dunlap, assistant superintendent department sheep	21 00
52	R. R. Gentry, partial payment on premiums	45 00
53	Void.	
54	Colwell Norton, partial payment on premiums	12 00

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No.	To whom and for what.	Amount.
55	G. W. Trone, partial payment on premiums	40 00
56	Bascom & McMurray, partial payment on premiums	40 00
57	C. L. Hill, partial payment on premiums	70 00
58	Andrew Bros., partial payment on premiums	60 00
59	Geo. E. Kelley, partial payment on premiums	10 00
60	N. M. Jewell, partial payment on premiums	20 00
61	John Schiffman, labor force	89 11
62	W. F. Morse, partial payment on premiums	40 00
63	Mrs. Templeton, judge, department fine arts	12 13
64	A. J. Nicolet, expert bicycle performer	65 00
65	P. W. Lindhauser, starting judge, department speed	25 00
66	J. F. Converse & Co., partial payment on premiums	75 00
67	H. Stevens & Sons, partial payment on premiums	75 00
67	D. Bradfute & Son, partial payment on premiums	75 00
68	T. J. Davis & Son, partial payment on premiums	75 00
69	E. B. Heimstreet, expenses department fine arts	158 55
70	G. G. Robins, 3d money 2:35 pace	40 00
71	C. H. Anthony, 3d money 2:20 trot	50 00
72	J. D. Douglass & Son, partial payment on premiums	50 00
73	E. M. Barton, partial payment on premiums	35 00
74	A. A. Bates, partial payment on premiums	39 00
75	C. E. Cook & Son, partial payment on premiums	35 00
76	F. H. Scribner, partial payment on premiums	20 00
77	J. M. Flanagan, partial payment on premiums	36 00
78	John Milton, partial payment on premiums	52 00
79	P. W. Hodges, entry money 2:15 trot refunded	75 00
80	Fred Soper, partial payment on premiums	25 00
81	C. E. Baker, partial payment on premiums	15 00
82	H. N. Thomas, partial payment on premiums	15 00
83	E. Reynolds & Son, partial payment on premiums	30 00
84	F. M. Whipps, partial payment on premiums	28 00
85	Reneslauer Stock Farm, 2d money 2:20 trot	25 00
86	W. J. Pierce, partial payment on premiums	12 00
87	John A. Johns, partial payment on premiums	5 00
88	Ed. Finn, partial payment on premiums	25 00
89	W. Guy McCandless, partial payment on premiums	20 00
90	F. Harriman, partial payment on premiums	20 00
91	G. F. Davis & Co., partial payment on premiums	50 00
92	W. A. Hoyt, partial payment on premiums	25 00
93	J. R. Brabozon, partial payment on premiums	10 00
94	Metcalf Bros. & Stone, partial payment on premiums	28 00
95	H. F. Strong, board of band and police	8 00
96	W. B. Barney, premiums in full	79 00
97	E. Waters, care grand stand and privies	32 00
98	C. E. Mattison, assistant superintendent department poultry	24 50
99	E. H. Tubbs, assistant superintendent department machinery	31 50
100	Geo. McKerrow, amount advanced to watchman	8 00
101	J. S. Harris, judge, department horticulture	24 90
102	C. E. Clough, work and board of police	9 50
103	Ida Le Roy, balloon ascensions	150 00
104	Guy Clough, work on engine	25 40
105	E. G. Roberts & Co., partial payment on premiums	100 00
106	H. L. Spencer, returned entry money, 2:25 pace	10 00
107	Joe. Sweeney, returned entry money, 2:25 pace	25 00
108	Thos. Boyle, 4th money 2:35 pace	20 00
109	Geo. Ewald, premium, department pigeons	96 00
110	L. E. Jansen, expenses, department pigeons	125 00
111	C. A. Pettibone, assistant superintendent dep't manufactures	31 50
112	Robt. Newmeister, returned entry money, 2:25 pace	10 00
113	J. T. Hansen, rent of sprinkler	10 00
114	R. Bailey, 3d money 2:16 pace	150 00

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115	Mike Dooley, night watch	10 00
116	Isaac Stephenson, returned entry money, 2:15 trot	75 00
117	J. F. King, 1st money, 2:16	675 00
118	W. J. Dyer, returned entry money, 2:15 trot	30 00
119	H. S. Well, assistant superintendent department horses	21 00
120	J. R. Fleming, team work	8 75
121	Harry Curtis, flagman	9 00
122	Smith Bros., rent of engines	30 00
123	Peter Vandenberg, returned entry money, 2:15 trot	30 00
130	Peter Truax, return entry money, 2:25 pace	10 00
123	M. M. Workman, assistant superintendent department speed	21 00
124	C. G. Wilcox, superintendent department speed	78 00
125	Chas. Joslin, starting judge, department speed	10 00
126	Brown County Printing Co., printing entry bills	10 00
127	J. H. Steiner, money collected on suspensions	256 25
128	G. W. Eldridge, return entry money, 2:40 trot	10 00
129	W. H. Knight, return entry money, 2:40 trot	8 00
130	Peter Truax return entry money, 2:25 pace	10 00
131	Joseph Buck, work self and team	36 05
132	R. H. Odell, advertising Milwaukee papers	422 27
133	L. G. Kellogg, superintendent department horticulture	47 04
134	John Breman, labor, department horticulture	9 75
135	F. A. Lund, labor, department agriculture	7 50
136	S. E. Holmes, judge, department fine arts	10 00
137	John M. True, expenses to Sept. 24th	75 00
138	C. H. Everett, salary, June 15th to Sept. 1st	250 00
139	Chas. Linse, superintendent department cattle, expenses board meetings	120 66
140	J. E. Seaver, superintendent department machinery	75 00
141	J. E. Seaver, expenses as superintendent	6 00
142	A. Le Teber, coal	30 00
143	C. E. Clark, partial payment on premiums	76 00
143	Geo. G. Cox, superintendent department horses	50 00
144	C. B. Waddell, returned entry money, 2:40 trot	10 00
145	F. A. Huebner, superintendent department agriculture	40 00
146	F. A. Huebner, expenses board meetings	30 00
147	K. Fincleson, assistant superintendent department agriculture	17 50
148	R. H. Odell, services, press agent	100 00
149	C. & N. W. Ry., transportation, Indian band	18 36
150	J. A. McCoy, 2d money 2:16 pace	255 00
151	Geo. Poppert, 5 pigeon cases	20 00
152	B. Mock & Son, livery hire	12 00
152	Joys Bros. & Co., canvas	86 00
153	S. D. Hubard, superintendent privileges	60 00
154	J. W. Thomas, superintendent dep't dairy and board meetings	81 95
155	Oliver Cheney, work, department dairy	6 00
156	John Le Feber, superintendent department transportation	60 00
157	Fred Schutte, labor	15 75
158	E. Neab, labor	5 25
158	D. C. Wolverton, judge, department dairy	20 00
159	C. A. White, judge, department dairy	12 50
160	H. A. Briggs, premium, department A	135 00
161	Fred Soper, balance premium, department A	65 00
162	McLay Bros., premium, department A	141 00
163	C. E. Clark, balance premium, department A	89 00
164	Wm. Moffat & Bro., premium, department A	35 00
165	W. J. Pierce, balance premium, department A	23 00
166	Aug. Uihlein, premium, department A	185 00
167	C. M. Clark, premium, department A	15 00
168	Frank R. Pierce, premium, department A	39 00
169	W. E. King, premium, department A	10 00

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170	John Smith, Jr., premium, department A	50 00
171	Geo. Brew, premium, department A	35 00
172	Jacob Koenen, premium, department A	5 00
173	Geo. McKerrow, premium, departments A and C	299 00
174	Alex. Galbraith, premium, department A	15 00
175	D. J. McLay, premium, department A	45 00
176	Jas. McLay, premium, department A	100 00
177	C. E. Baker, balance premium, department A	29 00
178	Geo. F. Carroll, premium, department A	10 00
179	Samuel Breese, premium, department A	137 00
180	Geo. Harding & Son, premium, departments A and C	273 00
181	Wm. F. Pilgrim, premium, departments A and F	77 50
182	Thos. Edwards, premium, department A	35 00
183	C. E. Cook & Son, balance premium, departments A and B	46 00
184	Geo. P. Trautwein, premium, department A	18 00
185	A. Wardell, premium, department A	10 00
186	Robt. Barlass, premium, department A	20 00
187	J. D. Douglass, balance premium, department B	137 00
188	Geo. Harding & Son, premium, department B	70 00
189	H. N. Thompson, balance premium, department B	25 00
190	Thos. Clark, balance premium, department B	144 00
191	Curtis & Martin, premium, department B	20 00
192	N. M. Jewell, balance premium, departments B and C	4 00
193	E. Reynolds & Son, balance premium, department B	59 00
194	D. Bradfute & Son, balance premium, department B	93 00
195	J. W. Martin, balance premium, department B	83 00
196	Andrew Bros., balance premium, department B	86 00
197	T. J. Davis & Son, balance premium, department B	27 00
198	W. Guy McCandlass, balance premium, department B	25 00
199	Wilber F. Morse, balance premium, department B	86 00
200	Wm. Ewins, premium, department B	38 00
201	H. Stevens & Son, balance premium, department B	18 00
202	Wisconsin Live Stock Association, premium, department B	43 00
203	Rust Bros., premium, department B	10 00
204	W. H. Jones, premium, department B	47 00
205	Geo. C. Hill & Son, balance premium, department B	139 00
206	J. E. Robbins, balance premium, department B	91 00
207	R. S. Kingman, premium, department B	48 00
208	John F. Johns, balance premium, departments B and E	8 00
209	Ulrich Huber, premium, departments B and G	15 76
210	C. C. Beebe, premium, department B	10 00
211	E. M. Barton, balance premium, department B	61 00
212	J. F. Converse & Co., balance premium, department B	40 00
213	Ed. Finn, balance premium, department B	24 00
214	J. H. Pilgrim, premiums, B, E, F and G	92 17
215	John Slup, premium, department A	24 00
216	Chas. T. Hill, premiums, departments A and D	29 00
217	David D. Morris, premium, department A	25 00
218	J. F. & E. W. Weaver, premium, department C	20 00
219	Wm. S. Dixon, premium, department C	107 00
220	F. Milton, balance premium, department C	70 00
221	J. M. Flannagan, balance premium, department C	82 00
222	A. T. Gamber, premium, department C	88 00
223	A. A. Bates, balance premium, department C	43 00
224	W. H. Edwards, premium, department C	36 00
225	Burt Pitcher, premium, department C	8 00
226	Wm. Plout, premium, department D	14 00
227	W. C. Wait, premium, department D	38 00
228	R. R. Hughes & Son, premium, department D	25 00
229	A. A. Erickson, premium, department D	6 00
230	Geo. F. Davis & Co., balance premium, department D	109 00

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No.	To whom and for what.	Amount.
231	H. N. Maxham, premium, department D	8 00
232	Ed. W. Monnier, premium, department D	8 00
233	F. B. Rundell, premium, department D	51 00
234	M. M. Reed, premium, department D	74 00
235	Samuel Sinclaire, premium, department D	5 00
236	B. F. Dorsey & Son, premium, department D	33 00
237	Reuben Gentry, balance premium, department D	92 00
238	Caldwell Norton, balance premium, department D	18 00
239	Geo. E. Kelly, balance premium, department D	15 00
240	Shaffer & Dehner, premium, department D	10 00
241	Dorsey Bros., balance premium, department D	48 00
242	Geo. McKerrow, expenses, board meetings	24 31
243	Geo. McKerrow; superintendent department E	30 00
244	E. A. Acre, premium, department D	58 00
245	H. J. Noblet, premium, department D	53 00
246	G. W. Trone, balance premium, department D	81 00
247	W. W. Vaughn, balance premium, department D	2 00
248	H. P. West, balance premium, departments D and F	68 00
249	Sechman & Browning, balance premium, department D	26 00
250	C. A. Thomas, premium, department D	28 00
251	Bascom & McMurray, balance premium, department D	82 00
252	F. B. Stewart, balance premium, department D	52 00
253	T. A. Chapman, supplies, department L	22 67
254	H. G. Razall Mfg. Co., bills rendered Sept. 17th and 19th	32 10
255	Void.	
256	Riverside Printing Co., for printing	107 25
257	Phillip Gross, supplies	24 66
258	M. Hirschheimer, supplies	2 00
259	Void.	
260	H. A. Chase, expenses, attending State Fair	16 04
261	Fair Publishing House, supplies	26 00
262	C. Hennecke, supplies	43 60
263	W. D. Hoard Co., advertising	26 88
264	Cream City Bill Posting Co., advertising	101 88
265	Wisconsin Agriculturist, advertising	50 00
266	Sanders Publishing Co., advertising	25 00
267	California Track Harrow Co., scraper	108 00
268	Rich & Clyman, supplies	181 05
269	Hoffman & Billings, supplies	4 17
270	Excelsior Publishing Co., advertising	5 00
271	C. G. Wilcox, superintendent department speed	195 00
272	C. E. Davis, Lake Mills Cornet band	45 57
273	J. M. Smith Sons, judge, department F	30 55
274	David Wedgewood, superintendent, department gates	119 97
275	Void.	
276	E. H. Farrington, assistant superintendent, department G	20 69
277	E. G. Roberts, balance premium, departments E and M	189 00
278	Geo. Krenscher & Co., premium, department E	16 00
279	Geo. Coake, premium, department E	18 00
280	John Davelaar, premium, department E	2 00
281	Geo. T Reid, premium, department E	11 00
282	Geo. F. Dore, premium, department E	6 50
283	John C. Schulz, premium, department E	2 50
284	Wm. Harper, premium, department E	3 00
285	Arthur Ott, premium, department E	1 00
286	Jas. E. Greenwald, premium, department E	3 50
287	Meadow Glen Poultry yards, premium, department E	45 00
288	Peoria Bantam yards, premium, department E	10 00
289	Geo. Acker, premium, departments E and F	38 00
290	J R. Brabazon, balance premium, departments E and M	110 00
291	R. K. Curtis, premium, departments E and M	13 50

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No.	To whom and for what.	Amount.
292	Chas. F. Eckstein, premium, department E	1 50
293	Emil Raasch, premium, department E	3 00
294	A. Strausky, premium, department E	1 50
295	J. N. Wiggenton, premium, department G	7 65
296	Ed. Wennsch, premium, department G	5 61
297	G. M. Spensley, premium, department G	7 14
298	N. Simon & Co., premium, department G	27 39
299	Clay Tyler, premium, department G	5 10
300	Ed. Seaman, premium, department G	4 59
301	K. F. Peffer, premium, department G	18 37
302	Burnside Coop. Cry. Co., premium, department G	4 59
303	A. J. Carman, premium, department G	4 59
304	H. A. Lindback, premium, department G	9 59
305	Henry C. Larson, premium, department G	5 10
306	Bert Andrae, premium, department G	5 10
307	F. J. Biehn, premium, department G	4 59
308	Dan Bluer, premium, department G	4 59
309	J. W. Koepsell, premium, department G	5 35
310	Wm. E. Blumenstein, premium, department G	9 15
311	Jas. F. Brady, premium, department G	4 08
312	G. H. Downey, premium, department G	4 08
313	John Garvey, premium, department G	4 08
314	M. Michaels, premium, department G	6 78
315	John W. Rush, premium department G	4 08
316	W. A. Voight, premium, department G	4 08
317	L. O. Wahler, premium, department G	4 08
318	Arcadia Cry. Co., premium, department G	4 08
319	E. J. Bennett, premium, department G	3 57
320	F. A. Keilsmier, premium, department G	3 57
321	Matt Ludwig, premium, department G	3 57
322	Jas. J. Lorentzon, premium, department G	3 31
323	Albert Poole, premium, department G	3 57
324	Albert Smith, premium, department G	3 57
325	Wm. H. Cockerill, premium, department G	3 57
326	Chas. B. Torp, premium, department G	3 06
327	Cleveland Cry. Co., premium, department G	2 80
328	W. P. Dennett, premium, department G	2 55
329	Wm. Kats, premium, department G	2 55
330	P. H. Kasper, premium, department G	18 94
331	Fred Grimm, premium, department G	2 55
332	Fred Bolden premium, department G	5 10
333	A. R. Holcomb, premium, department G	3 06
334	Chas. E. Bush, premium, department G	2 04
335	C. O. Black, premium, department G	2 04
336	W. J. Emerson, premium, department G	2 04
337	E. G. Hodges, premium, department G	4 60
338	Peter Pierce, premium, department G	2 04
339	Silver Lake Cry. Co., premium, department G	2 04
340	A. D. Fish, premium, department G	1 53
341	O. D. Thorsen, premium, department G	1 53
342	C. P. Clason, premium, department G	1 53
343	John A. Bruner, premium, department G	1 02
344	John H. Grasile, premium, department G	1 02
345	Artic Springs Cry. Co., premium, department G	51
346	C. E. Dodge, premium, department G	10 44
347	Chas. Lambert, premium, department G	25
348	Burwood Stock Farm, premium, department G	11 75
349	Thos. Bracken, premium, department G	6 21
350	Harvey Johnson, premium, department G	5 57
351	B. P. Longly, premium, department G	5 08
352	H. H. Leach, premium, department G	4 52

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No.	To whom and for what.	Amount.
353	Jas. Murphy, premium, department G	5 65
354	H. E. Nicolai, premium, departments, G and H	8 65
355	G. L. Ross, premium, department G	5 65
356	C. D. Miles premium, departments F and G	24 83
357	A. P. Stafford, premium, department G	8 47
358	Mrs. A. L. Tenney, premium, department G	17 00
359	Chas. Thorp, premium, department G	5 65
360	Mrs. Wm. Sweeney, premium, departments G and L	6 08
361	Mrs. Wm. Peffer, premium, department G	2 82
362	Myrtle Farrington, premium, department G	6 21
363	John Smith, Jr., premium, department G	7 61
364	Mrs. W. G. Brown, premium, department G	3 67
365	Mrs. Sarah J. Curtis, premium, department G	5 55
366	J. P. Galloway, premium, department G	4 05
367	E. A. Paddock, premium, department G	81
368	Wm. Nisbet, premium, department G	35 43
369	Wm. Zwicky, premium, department G	31 10
370	Hugh Nisbet, premium, department G	16 95
371	A. Schoemann, premium, department G	7 98
372	Patrick W. Wallace, premium, department G	3 00
373	F. A. Widder, premium, department G	2 98
374	John Chalupnik, premium, department G	4 47
375	S. D. Carmon, premium, department G	22 45
376	Geo. O. Douner, premium, department G	5 96
377	Thos. Dixon, premium, department G	2 98
378	Chas. Gartmann, premium, department G	1 49
379	F. M. McKinney, premium, department G	2 98
380	G. P. Saner, premium, department G	1 49
381	Eugene Thompson, premium, department G	5 46
382	Birdell Nelson, premium, department G	1 49
383	John Roloff, premium, department G	5 96
384	Jas. Irwin, premium, department G	10 43
385	Frank Strupp, premium, department G	3 32
386	H. Bilgrein, premium, department G	6 64
387	Casper Anderegg, premium, department G	4 98
388	Ed. C. Wenger, premium, department G	15 00
389	Wm. Fox, premium, department H	46 50
390	F. H. Chappel, premium, department H	26 00
391	A. D. Barnes, premium, department H	50 00
392	Geo. Jeffrey, premium, departments H and L	32 00
393	A. G. Tuttle, premium, department H	6 00
394	Henry Tarrant, premium, department H	7 00
395	Henry Schuster, premium, department H	14 00
396	A. von Cotzhausen, premium, department H	1 50
397	A. M. Joslin, premium, department H	6 00
398	Kelly Bros., premium, departments F and H	7 00
399	Jacob Wellauer, premium, department H	6 00
400	John Grape & Co., premium, departments F and H	38 50
401	F. W. Loudon, premium, department H	2 00
402	J M. Dunlop, premium, department H	44 00
403	Currie Bros., premium, department H	45 00
404	Geo. W. Ringrass, premium, department H	17 00
405	Mrs. W. A. Clapp, premium, department H	6 00
406	Mrs. J. Manchester, premium, departments F, H and L	10 00
407	Rosie Jasker, premium, departments F and H	10 00
408	F. M. Whipps, premium, department F	28 00
409	J. L. Kickley, premium, department F	68 00
410	Frank Whitehead, premium, department F	16 00
411	L. L. Olds, premium, department F	42 00
412	Casper Olson, premium, department F	20 00
413	Mrs. B. C. Ingersoll, premium, department F	78 00

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No.	To whom and for what.	Amount.
414	John Hans, premium, department F	33 00
415	E. D. Ochsner, premium, department F	18 00
416	J. J. Ochsner, premium, department F	18 00
417	Edwin Nye, premium, department F	5 00
418	Waukesha County Agricultural Society, premium, department F.	124 50
419	Jefferson County Agricultural Society, premium, department F..	115 50
420	Kenosha County Agricultural Society, premium, department F...	94 00
421	Langlade County Agricultural Society, premium, department F..	95 25
422	Mrs. T. P. Leonard, premium, department F	8 00
423	Mrs. L. Tanke, premium, department F	21 50
424	Mrs. E. Munger, premium, department F	10 00
425	Esther H. Noble, premium, department F	7 00
426	Mrs. M. E. Warren, premium, departments F and L	7 00
427	Mrs. D. Bare, premium, departments F and L	8 00
428	Clara Curtis, premium, department F	1 00
429	Miss Alice Korn, premium, department F	4 00
430	Miss Ella Leonard, premium, departments F and L	11 00
431	Mrs. L. B. Gregg, premium, departments F and L	7 00
432	Mrs. A. Le Feber, premium, department F	5 00
433	Mrs. O. Prall, premium, department L	50 00
434	Minnie B. Akass, premium, department L	37 00
435	Mrs. L. M. Buell, premium, department L	56 00
436	Miss H. Dapprich, premium, department L	27 00
437	J. M. Chenowith, premium, department L	82 00
438	Christopher Nelson, premium, department L	5 00
439	Ed. J. Steichen, premium, department L	38 00
440	Mrs. Anna E. Pierce, premium, department L	30 00
441	Mrs. C. B. Whitnall, premium, department L	18 00
442	Frank T. Johnson, premium, department L	15 00
443	C. Hennecke, premium, department L	15 00
444	Mrs. F. M. Hawley, premium, department L	15 00
445	Mrs. H. Fisher, premium, department L	7 00
446	Mrs. E. D. Huskins, premium, department L	39 00
447	Mrs. John Deck, premium, department L	7 00
448	Miss Hattie Hess, premium, department L	17 00
449	L. Harman, premium, department L	6 00
450	Lillian von Baum, premium, department L	3 00
451	Fannie Mewver, premium, department L	5 00
452	Mrs. G. E. Talberts, premium, department L	13 00
453	Miss Carrie Bartels, premium, department L	4 00
454	Miss Ottilie Wallott, premium, department L	2 00
455	Miss Anna A. Hellberg, premium, department L	4 00
456	Mrs. E. J. Hart, premium, department L	5 00
457	Mrs. M. E. Russell, premium, department L	1 00
458	Miss R. C. Wilkinson, premium, department L	6 00
459	Mrs. B. S. Baker, premium, department L	3 00
460	Miss C. Schmason, premium, department L	3 00
461	A. M. Kuehn, premium, department L	3 00
462	Miss May Blodgett, premium, department L	3 00
463	Miss Mary P. Clapp, premium, department L	18 00
464	Miss Elsie Hans, premium, department L	7 00
465	Ida Sander, premium, department L	11 00
466	Charlotte Surgeant, premium, department L	6 00
467	Blossom Wilcox, premium, department L	6 00
468	C. A. Carlson, premium, department L	2 00
469	John O. Gibson, premium, department G	3 06
470	Mary C. Nicholson, premium, department L	18 00
471	Julia Brown, premium, department L	7 00
472	Miss C. Brice, premium, department L	2 00
473	H. A. Phillips, premium, department G	3 95
474	Arnold High, premium, department G	3 06

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No.	To whom and for what.	Amount.
475	Miss Emma Ritter, premium, department L	2 00
476	Etta M. Capelle, premium, department L	23 00
477	Mrs. A. F. Mars, premium, department L	12 00
478	Mrs. J. Nicholson, premium, department L	20 00
479	Mrs. Carrie Baerwald, premium, department L	11 00
480	Mrs. E. Westphal, premium, department L	14 00
481	Mrs. Geo. C. Beard, premium, department L	13 00
482	Miss Abbie F. Maddocks, premium, department L	15 00
483	Theo. Heiss, premium, department L	3 00
484	Mrs. A. G. Kroes, premium, department L	16 00
485	Clara M. Wehr, premium, department L	22 00
486	Caroline Starkey, premium, department L	23 00
487	Mrs. W. W. Lloyd, premium, department L	42 00
488	Mrs. J. Davidson, premium, department L	9 00
489	Mrs. A. B. Chamberlain, premium, department L	3 00
490	Geo. Ewald, premium, department M	95 00
491	W. J. Harper, premium, department M	4 00
492	Jacob Hunn, premium, department M	2 00
493	L. A. Jansen, premium, department M	46 00
494	Fred Haltz, premium, department M	5 00
495	Wm Korb, premium, department M	43 00
496	C. Williamson, premium, department M	33 50
497	Frank Matteson, premium, department M	7 00
498	Jas. H. Rapin, premium, department M	1 00
499	D. M. Harper, premium, department M	3 00
500	Ripper & Sons, premium, department M	1 00
501	W. D. Harper, Jr., premium, department M	3 00
502	Joseph Wambacher, premium, department M	7 00
503	H. F. Jansen, premium, department M	4 00
504	Harry Olson, premium, department M	11 00
505	Luebke & Lobbephul, premium, department M	3 00
506	Chas. Jensch, premium, department M	7 00
507	Frank Macho, premium, department M	9 00
508	Wagner Bros., premium, department M	14 00
509	Anthony Prasbrig, premium, department M	19 00
510	A. F. Keipper, premium, department M	8 00
511	F. J. Cilik, premium, department M	7 00
512	C. Amlong, premium, department M	11 00
513	K. J. Muir, premium, department M	1 00
514	A. G. Weisniger, premium, department M	2 00
515	J. H. Whitman, premium, department M	11 00
516	Geo. F. Dore, premium, department M	4 00
517	Wisconsin Lake Ice and Cartage Co., ice at dairy building	6 90
518	Hoffman & Billings, cleaning pump	2 50
519	Gimbel Bros., merchandise	2 67
520	N. W. Lithographing Co., 5,000 lithographs	410 00
521	Sewell A. Peterson, expenses State Fair	15 00
522	R. M. Bussard, premium, department G	3 85
523	Milton Carmichael, advertising	25 00
524	John M. True, advertising	3 50
525	M. E. Chadwick, clerk work	42 00
526	C. H. Everett, office supplies, fair work	5 61
527	C. H. Everett, salary for September	100 00
528	Void.	
529	Alex. Galbraith, premium, department A	12 00
530	S. D. Hubbard, expenses, board meetings	50 00
531	H. A. Briggs, expenses, board meetings	82 94
532	B. B. Hopkins, expenses, board meetings	15 00
533	A. L. Vanaman, account, department forage	205 76
534	W. H. Edwards, premium, department C	6 00
535	Hattie Hess, premium, department L	4 00

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No.	To whom and for what.	Amount.
536	C., M. & St. P. Ry., transportation, Indian band	18 53
537	H. Stevens & Sons, premium, department B	30 00
538	Times Publishing Co., advertising	5 00
539	M. W. Reed, premium, department D	10 00
540	C. H. Everett, salary, October	100 00
541	G. G. Cox, expenses, board meetings	107 10
542	N. M. Jewell, premium, department C	12 00
543	O. F. Wilson, premium, department L	1 00
544	Andrew Bros., premium, department B	10 00
545	F. Milton, premium, department C	22 00
546	R. Conrad, premium, department G	5 85
547	E. G. Roberts, balance, premium, department E	20 00
548	F. H. Scribner, balance premium, department B	48 00
549	John G. Klassner, returned entry fee	2 00
550	Western Horseman, advertising	4 15
551	C. H. Everett, salary, November	100 00
552	H. A. Briggs, expenses, board meetings	10 66
553	S. D. Hubbard, expenses, board meetings	35 00
554	John M. True, expenses, board meetings	27 00
555	Chas. Linse, expenses, board meetings	13 60
556	B. B. Hopkins, expenses, board meetings	15 00
557	J. W. Thomas, expenses, board meetings	10 00
558	Geo. G. Cox, expenses, board meetings	8 00
559	Adam Klehn, supplies, State Fair	2 42
560	A. R. Holcomb, balance premium, department G	1 27
561	L. Raunn, money allowed Taylor county exhibit	30 00
562	First National Bank of Beaver Dam	1,611 79
563	S. S. Miller, money allowed Oneida county exhibit	25 00
564	Seckman & Browning, balance premium, department D	14 00
565	Chas. Linse, expenses, board meetings	13 60
566	C. H. Everett, salary, December	100 00
567	Mrs. Jas. Murphy, premium, department G	5 65
568	E. A. Paddock, premium, department G	3 06
569	F. A. Huebner, expenses, board meetings	22 54
570	Mrs. O. Pratt, balance premium, department L	14 90
		$22,151 81

TREASURER'S REPORT.

To the Honorable Wisconsin State Board of Agriculture:

Gentlemen:—I have the honor to hand you herewith Treasurer's annual report, showing the financial transactions of your society for the year ending December 31, 1898:

RECEIPTS.

Entry fees and stall rent	$2,098 55
Tickets sold during fair	8,209 50
State appropriations	9,600 00
Privileges and miscellaneous sources	5,188 36

DISBURSEMENTS.

Paid secretary's warrant account	$22,151 81	
Cash to balance	2,944 60	
	$25,096 41	$25,096 41

SEWELL A. PETERSON,
Treasurer Wisconsin State Board of Agriculture.

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REPORT OF BOARD OF AUDIT.

Wisconsin State Board of Agriculture:

Gentlemen:—As auditing committee we have carefully examined the books and accounts of secretary and treasurer, and hereby report same to be correct and to fully agree.

T. L. NEWTON,
S. D. HUBBARD,
GEO. G. COX,
Board of Audit.

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REPORTS OF SUPERINTENDENTS.

SPEED DEPARTMENT.

To the Honorable State Board of Agriculture.

Gentlemen—The decline of harness racing for the past five years has made it exceedingly hard to get good fields of first class horses to contend for the purses during the meeting of 1898. Added to other adverse conditions the rainy weather during August and September caused some of the best stables to ship their horses home before our meeting. Then Terre Haute taking our dates in the grand circuit and offering three times as much money with a 3 per cent. entry fee only added to our discomfort and anxiety. However, we more than held our own compared with other meetings held in September. During the two days of good weather we had an average of 12 starters with an average of 4½ heats to each race and every heat below 2:20. The September meetings were financial failures all over the country. Therefore it is gratifying to report that our two days' races cost the association less than $700 and had it not rained Thursday, the grand stand receipts would have paid the expense of the entire meeting. I was in favor of getting special attractions, but the past season did not produce anything sensational enough to attract a crowd. I would recommend to my successor that the association join the Grand Western Circuit and offer large purses providing we secure dates not in conflict with other members. Should stakes be offered, make the nominations transferable thereby securing more starters and better races.

I would also call your attention to the grand stand which, in my opinion, has never been properly handled. First, there should be competent gatemen and ticket sellers. Second, there should be a statement of each day's receipts, for if this department is to be charged up with the entire shortage of the fair then it should get credit for the receipts of the grand stand.

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I would also recommend that the track be rented to some reputable horseman (subject to the control of the board and their rules) so that the horsemen from the state would come and train their horses during the season. This should be done for several reasons. First, it would keep the track in first class condition without expense to the association. Second, it would keep a larger number of horses in training and swell the entry list at the fair meeting. Third, it would be a source of revenue in place of expense. Our track is naturally very fast, but it has never been in proper shape for harness racing owing to lack of work previous to fair week, and there is not sufficient water available in case of dry weather to put the track in proper shape for fast work. In closing I wish to add that the superintendent of this department should be a resident of Milwaukee or some place adjacent to the grounds, as there are many things that come up during the year that require his attention, and besides it would be much easier for him to keep in touch with horsemen in large centers.

Thanking you for the universal good will and hearty co-operation the state board has given me in the past, I respectfully request that you assign me the most subordinate position within your gift and relieve me of a task I have held the past four years against my judgment. I would have resigned the past year had it not been against the wishes of his Excellency Governor Scofield and your Honorable body, for I feel that I can no longer spend the time, energy and money necessary to make the department a success. The following is a complete statement of receipts and expenses in my department for the year 1898, and the cost of each race separate:

Tuesday, September 20th.

2:35 class pacing, 13 entries.		Purse $400.00
10 starters, 5 per cent. entrance fee...	$200.00	
5 per cent. from winners.....	80.00	
1 suspension $20.00 doubtful, 2 conditional.		
		$280.00
Expense to board		$120.00

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2:20 class trotting, 18 entries.		Purse $500.00
15 starters, 5 per cent. entrance fee..	$375.00	
5 per cent from winners	100.00	
1 suspension deemed good.....	25.00	
2 conditional.		
		$500.00

This race was no expense to board. Nine heats were paced and trotted at total expense to board of $120.00.

Wednesday, September 21st.

2:28 class trotting, 13 entries.		Purse $500.00
9 starters 5 per cent. entrance fee....	$225.00	
5 per cent. from winners.....	100.00	
1 charged	25.00	
2 suspensions.		
1 conditional.		
		$350.00
Expense to board		$150.00

2:16 class, pacing, 18 entries.		Purse $1,500.00
12 paid starters 5 per cent entrance fee.	$900.00	
5 per cent. from winners.....	300.00	
2 suspensions.		
4 conditional.		
		$1,200.00
Expense to board		$300.00
Total expense of first day races.....	$120.00	
Total expense of 2d day races.....	450.00	
Total expense of meeting.....	$570.00	

Amount received from entries and winners.....		$2,330.00
Amount paid to state treasurer.....	$2,033.90	
Return entrance paid to nominators...	296.10	
		$2,330.00

Respectfully submitted,

C. G. WILCOX,
Supt. Dept. Speed.

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REPORT OF MARSHAL.

To the State Board of Agriculture.

Gentlemen—I beg leave to submit the following report of the marshal's department for the year 1898.

There was employed in the Marshal's Department 18 policemen and 2 assistants. Part of the policemen, however, only served two days of the Fair, as occasion required.

There was expended in the Marshal's Department $262.50, as will be seen from the itemized statement in this report.

There was but very little misconduct or lawlessness during the entire week of the Fair. The Department was very ably assisted by the Milwaukee police, under the management of Sergeant John Howard. These policemen were furnished by the city of Milwaukee free of any expense to the society, which I am sure will be appreciated by the management.

The Department has cost less than for many years at a State Fair, as will be seen from previous reports.

STATEMENT OF ACCOUNT OF MARSHAL'S DEPARTMENT.

John Eagen, 3 days @ $2.00 per day	$6.00
John Zieniendorph, 3 days @ $2.00 per day	6.00
A. F. Schleffler, 3 days @ $2.00 per day	6.00
D. Gaffney, 2 days @ $2.00 per day	4.00
Sam Cook, 2 days @ $2.00 per day	4.00
C. M. Butler, 2 days @ $2.00 per day	4.00
A. J. Atwood, 2 days @ $2.00 per day	4.00
Geo. Schultz, 2 days @ $2.00 per day	4.00
John Fleming, 2 days @ $2.00 per day	4.00
Z. O. Borden, 4 days @ $2.00 per day	8.00
D. Murphy, 4½ days @ $2.00 per day	9.00
W. W. Bailey, 4 days @ $2.00 per day	8.00
Ed. Grady, 4 days @ $2.00	8.00
H. H. Potter, 5 days @ $2.00 per day	10.00
Geo. B. Curren, 5 days @ $2.00 per day	10.00
Joseph Marks, 5 days @ $2.00 per day	10.00
J. E. Faber, 8 nights @ $2.00 per night	16.00
John Buck, 8 nights @ $2.00 per night	16.00
Jno. A. Fleming, 1 horse, 2½ days @ $2.00 per day	5.00
T. J. Fleming, 1 horse, 2 days @ $2.00 per day	4.00

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J. F. Bears, 2 horses, 4½ days @ $2.00 per day	18.00
Jas. O'Brien, assistant, 3 days @ $3.50 and ticket	17.00
E. L. Tracy, 5 days @ $3.50 per day	17.50
E. Grady and W. W. Bailey, 2 tickets	1.00
R. C. Vernon, 10 days @ $5.00 per day and exp	60.00
Amount returned to secretary	3.00
Amount received	$262.50

Respectfully submitted,

RALPH VERNON,
Marshal.

REPORT OF SUPERINTENDENT OF DEPARTMENT A.

Wisconsin State Board of Agriculture.

Gentlemen—I have the honor to herewith present my report of Department A for the year 1898.

The exhibit of horses at this year's State Fair was very satisfactory. Not only were the entries in numbers equal to any in recent years, but in point of quality no fair exhibit in the state was ever better. I am pleased to report that most of the classes were fairly well filled and some crowded, and the contest for honors was a close one. Among the many exhibitors in my department I am pleased to mention C. E. Clark of St. Cloud, Minn., with a large exhibit of Clydesdales, and McLay Bros. of Janesville, Wis., also exhibiting Clydesdales. Without question these two exhibitors have strings of horses equal to any in the country.

H. A. Briggs of Elkhorn was the largest exhibitor of Percherons, and showed a fine line of stock. Fred Soper of Ripon, Wis., Moffat Bros. of Paw Paw, Ill., and W. J. Pierce of Dodgeville, Wis., also made creditable showings.

In the Coach, Roadster and Pony classes I am pleased to mention the names of August Uihlein of Milwaukee, C. M. Clark of Whitewater, Geo. Harding & Son, Waukesha, Frank R. Pierce, W. E. King, John Smith, Jr., Geo. Brew, George McKerrow, Alex. Galbraith, John Sleep, C. E. Baker, Chas. Hill,

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Geo. F. Carroll, Samuel Breese & Son, W. T. Pilgrim, Thos. Edwards, David Morris, Geo. Troutwein, A. Wardell and Robt. Barlass, all of Wisconsin, and C. E. Cook & Son of Illinois.

There was a greater variety of breeds shown than usual, and new additional classes were opened for grade horses, designed for the benefit of the farmer rather than the large breeder.

I am sorry to say that this classification failed to be satisfactory, and I am inclined to think that if this classification is continued, it will be necessary to protect it by more stringent rules against those interested in professional breeding.

I am not in favor of giving up the attempt made by the board in the interests of the farmer breeder.

The judging was done by Mr. Griffith Richards of Racine, Wis., and I think very general satisfaction was given.

In conclusion, I wish to call the attention of the board to the necessity of grading a one-fourth mile ring, in front of stables for the exhibition especially of roadsters and saddlers, also the arrangement of seats for the benefit of those who wish to witness the exhibition of horses in the ring when being judged.

With these improvements it seems to me one of the most interesting features of our fairs would become more fully patronized than it is reasonable to expect under present conditions.

I desire to extend my thanks to all exhibitors and horse men in my department, for the generous and courteous treatment received from them during the Fair of 1898. I was ably assisted in my work by H. S. Weil, Assistant Superintendent.

Respectfully submitted,

G. G. Cox,

Supt. Dept. A, Wisconsin State Fair.

REPORT OF SUPERINTENDENT OF DEPT. B.

Wisconsin State Board of Agriculture.

Gentlemen—I have the pleasure of presenting to you my report as Superintendent of Department B, Wisconsin State Fair of 1898. Never before has a larger or better display of cattle been seen at a Wisconsin Fair. The show of Jerseys and Hol-

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steins was very fine, and I believe as good as was ever before seen at any show ring in the United States.

I would recommend to the board the erection of a suitable pavilion with proper seating capacity, same to be used in making awards. Such a building would exclude from the show ring the hot sun and storms, and add greatly to the comfort of the public and the exhibitor.

I am of the opinion that we shall need more stall room in the near future, as we were forced to make use of several vacant stalls in horse barns during last Fair. This is a matter, however, that can be left until other improvements that are perhaps more necessary are made.

Some kind of pavement in front of stock barns is very necessary. The nature of the soil, together with continuous travel of people, stock and vehicles, often produces very undesirable conditions.

Another most necessary improvement would be some kind of metal or iron water tanks. Those now in use shrink badly during the long time not in use and it is almost impossible to tighten them sufficiently to hold water. The result is an insufficient supply of water and a bad mud-hole about each tank. We have been obliged in the past to resort to the use of shorts in order to check the leakage, and in such cases many of the animals refuse to drink the water, thus causing much dissatisfaction among exhibitors.

I sincerely hope the state board will be in position to soon consider these improvements.

Respectfully submitted,

CHAS. LINSE,

Supt. Dept. B, Wis. State Fair.

REPORT OF SUPERINTENDENT OF DEPT. C.

Wisconsin State Board of Agriculture.

Gentlemen—There is not much to be said in report of my department. There was a good exhibit. The entries, however, would have been more numerous but for the fact that some of

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our largest breeders and exhibitors were holding off and resting their flocks for the great battle at Omaha.

I met these men at the western show and expressed my regret at not having them with us during our late Fair. They all said, "We will be at the Wisconsin Fair in 1899 in full strength."

The many who were with us this year spoke highly of the treatment accorded them by the board, and were well pleased with the management of the Fair. General satisfaction was expressed with Prof. Shaw's work as judge. His method of handling sheep, his explanations, and unbiased decisions won the respect and confidence of all.

I desire to compliment the state universitv exhibit of experimental sheep as being of very high quality. They were well shown, and the shepherd in charge was most efficient.

I would recommend to the board the erection of a suitable building with proper seating capacity for use in making awards in the sheep department. Such a building would facilitate matters very greatly and bring more closely to the public the lessons to be derived from a battle for supremacy among the great flocks of America. A crowded show ring in the hot sun is not an inviting place. If we could arrange more comfort for the public in this respect the lessons to be learned at the ring side would be much more closely studied.

I also recommend that premium list for sheep be revised so as to make it more attractive to all breeders and exhibitors.

Respectfully submitted,

H. A. BRIGGS,
Superintendent.

REPORT OF SUPERINTENDENT OF DEPT. D.

Wisconsin State Board of Agriculture.

Gentlemen—The swine exhibit at the Wisconsin State Fair for the year 1898 was from the standpoint of quality the best ever brought together on Wisconsin soil. The exhibit was made up of representatives from the following states: New York, Pennsylvania, Ohio, Kentucky, Indiana, Michigan, Illinois, Iowa, Minnesota and Wisconsin.

Mr. G. A. Hunt of Greenwood, Ill., made the awards through-

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out the entire exhibit, and came as near giving universal satisfaction as is ever possible under such circumstances.

I wish to call the attention of the board to the necessity of some method of veterinary inspection on the use of disinfectants to prevent the spread of disease, which from this exhibition is liable to be diffused throughout the entire state.

GEO. WYLIE,
Supt. Dept. D, Wis. State Fair.

REPORT OF SUPERINTENDENT OF POULTRY.

Wisconsin State Board of Agriculture.

Gentlemen—I take pleasure in presenting to you the report of the poultry exhibit at your State Fair of 1898, which was equal to any ever made in Wisconsin and compared most favorably with any exhibit of its class made at other fairs in the northwest.

This industry leads all others in value in this country and in this state, and should be well represented at our annual fairs. I would recommend that the poultry house be re-arranged before another fair so as to give better facilities both to exhibitors and visitors. The most needed change will be in taking out the most of the stationary coops and putting up shelves so exhibitors can use their own exhibition coops.

Respectfully submitted,
GEORGE MCKERROW,
Supt. Poultry Dept.

REPORT OF SUPERINTENDENT OF DEPT. F.

Wisconsin State Board of Agriculture.

Gentlemen—I am pleased to submit a brief report of my department. The exhibit was good in every respect. The farmers were pleased and left with a friendly hand shake, and expressions of good will towards the state board.

Since the close of the Fair I have had correspondence with counties who desire that premium list be not changed. I am

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also assured by some of the newer counties that they will be with us in the future. General satisfaction was manifest at the efficiency of the judging in my department, and I desire to extend thanks to the judges and especially to Mr. Erwin Smith of Green Bay, for their very courteous and efficient work.

The Wisconsin State Fair entered upon a new era with the Fair of 1898 and everything indicates a bright future for the State Board of Agriculture, and they have the confidence of our farmers.

Respectfully submitted,

FRED A. HUEBNER,

Supt. Dept. F, Wis. State Fair.

REPORT OF SUPERINTENDENT OF DEPT. G.

Wisconsin State Board of Agriculture.

Gentlemen—The large and creditable display of dairy products should be ample assurance that the dairymen of Wisconsin fully appreciate the action of the State Board of Agriculture, in increasing the money award for this department, and changing the awarding of premiums to the pro rata system, which more evenly and justly distributes the money offered among all the exhibitors whose products are of a high merit.

But it is to be regretted that the dairy implement manufactories did not make a better exhibit; there are several reasons given for this want of interest, which no doubt will never happen again, as several firms have already written they will exhibit at the next Fair.

The Wisconsin Dairy School, under the supervision of Prof. W. A. Henry, made a very fine display of butter, cheese, and pasteurized cream and milk, showing the different style of packages made and used; also, some pictures of the students at their work, all of which served to give a good illustration of the instruction given at the Dairy School. Nothing in this exhibit was entered for a prize, and was in charge of Prof. E. H. Farrington, who also kindly acted as assistant superintendent of this department and rendered very efficient service.

In the creamery butter class there were 63 entries, 58 of

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which scored above the minimum of 90 points, and the two hundred dollars offered was pro rated among the 58 exhibitors. The highest score was 96½ points, which received $7.67 in cash, one calometer, offered by Cornish, Curtis & Green, and a gold medal to maker, by Wells, Richardson & Co.

In the dairy butter class there were 24 entries, 21 of which scored about the minimum of 88 points. The one hundred and twenty-five dollars offered in this class was pro rated to the 21 exhibitors. The highest score was 95½ points, which received in cash $10.73, a 4-bottle Babcock milk tester, offered by Cornish, Curtis & Green of Fort Atkinson, Wis., and a $15.00 gold watch from the Worcester Salt Co. of New York.

In print butter there were 15 entries, 13 of which scored over 88 points. In granulated butter there were 15 entries; in the class of butter of novel forms there was but one entry, which was awarded the first prize of $10.00.

In Cheddar cheese there were 13 entries, of which 6 scored over the minimum of 90 points. The highest score was 96 points, which was awarded $25.00; the lowest scored 91 points and was awarded $5.00. In Flats there were 28 entries, 18 of which scored over the minimum. The highest score was 98 points, and was awarded $16.39. The lowest score was 91 points, and was awarded $1.49. In Young Americas there were 5 entries, and three scored over 90 points; the highest scored above the minimum of 88 points. The one hundred and points, and was awarded $5.85.

In Brick cheese there were 5 entries, and three scored over 90 points; the highest drew $15.00, scoring 97, and the lowest $3.32, scoring 92 points. In Swiss cheese there were only 3 entries. One scored over 90 points, and was awarded $15.00 on a score of 97 points.

Total number of entries for regular premiums, 171.

Total number of entries for special premiums, 114.

Total amount of premiums awarded, $614.67.

Total special premiums awarded were:

Three gold medals by Wells, Richardson & Co., Burlington, Vt.

Three gold watches by Worcester Salt Co., of New York.

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Fifty dollars in money, divided into 3 prizes, by Vermont Farm Machine Co., of Bellows Falls, Vt.

One calometer and one four-bottle Babcock milk tester by Cornish, Curtis & Green, of Fort Atkinson, Wis.

Total number of exhibitors that were awarded premiums, 121.

All the exhibits were sold or reshipped, according to the instruction received from the exhibitors, the next day after the Fair, so there were very few complaints. One firm in New York denied receiving a 60-pound tub of butter until the express company produced their receipt for it. Another party who shipped a 60-pound tub, on which was a tag to "State Fair Park, Milwaukee, Wis. Please sell and remit," with nothing else to designate whom or where it was from; this butter was sold and money held until November before a claim was put in for it. Another exhibitor wrote, "Ship to Nelson & Co." This firm name was doubtless a very familiar one to the party dealing with them, but the superintendent had no means of knowing where this Nelson & Co. was doing business.

Such oversights on the part of exhibitors were exceptions, but as they do happen especial care should be taken to distinctly label or tag each package, and write to the superintendent stating plainly what disposition they wish him to make of their exhibit.

In the creamery butter exhibit there were two points which were particularly noticeable.

First. There was a surprising amount of mottles in the butter when it was examined as critically as exhibition butter should be, and was by the judge. By pressing the finger along the tryer of butter, a mottled or wavy surface was shown in altogether too many packages.

This wavy appearance of the butter can be worked out, and many of the scores would have been a point or two higher if the butter had been worked so as to give it a solid, even color. The surest way to do this is to work the butter more than once and let it stand in a cool place between workings.

Second. The style and neatness of the packages was uniformly commendable. The tubs were clean, hoops in good shape, covers fastened well, and the top of the butter under the cover was neatly finished.

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Creamery butter was sold at from 19 to 20 cents per pound, and cheese at 8 cents.

I am sorry to say the judge of cheese neglected to write any special defect in the score cards, which should have been done as a matter of instruction to the exhibitor.

Dairying is one of Wisconsin's greatest industries and I believe the board would be warranted in still increasing the money awards of this department, continuing the pro rata plan of awards, but have one sweepstake prize in each class and the winner of this prize not to be entitled to any of the money offered in the pro rata classes.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN W. THOMAS,

Superintendent.

REPORT OF SUPERINTENDENT OF DEPT. H.

Wisconsin State Board of Agriculture.

Gentlemen—As superintendent of the Department of Horticulture I am pleased to report there was a magnificent display of fruits, plants and flowers, especially when we consider the small amount of money that was authorized by the State Board of Agriculture for premiums in this department, many of the exhibitors making a competitive exhibit, almost without compensation, for the purpose of assisting the State Board of Agriculture in making a grand success of the first fair under this new management.

I would respectfully recommend for this department in 1899 that the State Board of Agriculture appropriate an increased amount of money that will induce and justify the fruit growers and florists in making a commendable exhibit, and will be proportionate with like amounts appropriated for other departments.

Respectfully submitted,

L. G. KELLOGG,

Supt. Dept. H, Wis. State Fair.

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REPORT OF SUPERINTENDENT OF DEPT. J.

Wisconsin State Board of Agriculture.

Gentlemen—I not only have the honor but the pleasure of making the first annual report of department "J", machinery, under the new management. In point of exhibits it was up to and exceeded in many classes any exhibit ever before seen on the "State Fair Park Grounds."

The following is a brief list of exhibits and person in charge of exhibit:

J. I. Case Plow Co., Racine, Wis.—Plows, harrows, cultivators, etc. Exhibitor, J. H. Hagenah.

Petrie, Elliott & Herrington Transfer Co., Madison, Wis.—A general line of farming implements, windmills, carriages, wagons and sleighs.

Moline Plow Co., Moline, Ill.—Chas. Kewblock in charge. General farming implements.

Syracuse Chilled Plow Co., Syracuse, N. Y.—Exhibit from western branch house of Madison, Wis. Geo. Putman in charge. Plows, harrows, cultivators and road-working machinery.

Superior Drill Co., Springfield, Ohio.—F. R. Packham, exhibitor. Grain drills.

David Bradley Mfg. Co., Bradley, Ill.—General farming tools, huskers, corn shredders, hay presses, etc. Exhibitor, E. W. Clark.

Monitor Mfg. Co., Minneapolis, Minn.—Grain drills and seeders. Geo. A. Heath in charge.

J. Thompson & Sons, Beloit, Wis.—Exhibitor, J. R. Jones. Agricultural implements and gasoline engine.

Perkins Windmill Co., Mishawaka, Ind.— Windwills and mill towers, pumps, iron and wood tanks. W. H. Clemons, exhibitor.

Fairbanks, Morse & Co., Beloit, Wis.—Windmills and towers. E. W. Gunderman.

Stoddard Mfg. Co., Dayton, Ohio.—Exhibit from western branch house, Milwaukee, Wis., by E. Stolp. Horse hay rakes, seeders, corn planters, plows, disk harrows and disk plows.

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Heaton & Bensine, Tess Corners, Wis.—Farm wagon.

Appleton Mfg. Co., Batavia, Ill.—E. T. Bassett, exhibitor. Fedd cutters, feed mills, buzz saws, corn shellers, wind engines, tread and sweep horse powers, etc.

Smalley Mfg. Co., Manitowoc, Wis.—Henry Schmidt, Hales Corners, Wis., exhibitor. Corn huskers and feed cutters, feed mills, tread and sweep horse powers, engines.

I. R. Rowell & Co., Menominee Falls, Wis.—Plows, potato-diggers, sleighs, feed cutters, horse powers,

General line of farm implements and machinery by Melvin Mitchell, Madison, Wis.

Milwaukee Hay Tool Co., Milwaukee, Wis.—Corn huskers and shredders, feed mills, road-working machinery, etc. Wm. Gutenkunst, exhibitor.

Fischer & Koertz, Milwaukee, Wis.—Feed cutters and horse powers.

Silberg Zahn Mfg. Co., West Bend, Wis.—Feed cutters, horse powers and circular saws.

Hirsch Bros., Milwaukee, Wis.—Agricultural implements, windmills, fanning mills, buggies, carriages, wagons; also the Planet, Jr., line of horse and hand cultivators and garden seed drills.

J. I. Case Threshing Machine Co., Racine, Wis.—Threshing machines and traction engines. A. A. Stelting, exhibitor.

Fricke exhibit of threshing machines and engines, Waynesboro, Penn., in charge of L. A. Wilcox.

Reeves & Co., Columbus, Ind.—Threshing machines, clover hullers, stackers and traction engines. H. M. Hardgrove, exhibitor.

Silver Manufacturing Co., Salem, O.—Fodder cutters. Mr. Strickland in charge.

Deere & Mauser, Moline, Ill.—Exhibitor, O. Lander. Corn huskers, corn planters, potato planter and digger, harrows, etc.

Anderson Transfer Co., Fond du Lac, Wis.—Wagons, cutter, fur robes and coats. C. Anderson, exhibitor.

Rosenthal Corn Husking Machine Co., Milwaukee, Wis.—Corn Huskers. A Rosenthal in charge.

J. L. Owens, Minneapolis, Minn.—Fanning mills.

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E. P. Dickey Fanning Mill Co., Racine, Wis.—Fanning mills.

The New Birdsall Co., Auburn, N. Y.—Corn huskers and traction engine. A. C. Dalman in charge.

Johnson & Field Manufacturing Co., Racine, Wis.—Fanning mills. L. J. Lee, exhibitor.

Van Breen & Wilkins, Horicon, Wis.—Seeders and drills. A. W. Wilcox, exhibitor.

Deere & Co., Moline, Ill.—Plows, harrows and cultivators. L. M. Gantz, exhibitor.

The Weiler & Barth Manufacturing Co., Milwaukee, Wis.—Lifting-jacks. Lewis R. Riels in charge.

U. S. Wind Engine & Pump Co., Batavia, Ill.—Wind engines, pumps and tanks. Exhibitor, E. P. Colleran.

Ripley Hardware Co., Grafton, Ill.—Feed cooker.

W. D. Lindsley, Milwaukee, Wis.—Clover hullers, threshing machines and engines.

Parsons, Rich & Co., Newton, Ia.—Automatic feeder for threshing machines.

Star Manufacturing Co., New Lexington, O.—Corn and feed mill. J. C. Martin, exhibitor.

Whitely Machine Co., Springfield, O.—Mowers and lawn mowers. J. T. Gaffey in charge.

Appleton Hay Tool Co., Appleton, Wis.—Adjustable umbrella for buggies and wagons. Richard Miller, exhibitor.

People's Manufacturing Co., Racine, Wis.—Pollock's tire tightener. H. B. Carver, exhibitor.

Your superintendent feels that great credit should be given the exhibitors for the interest and harmony manifested by them in assisting in the arrangement of their exhibits, making them as convenient and attractive as possible for the interested throng of people, among whom were great numbers of sturdy farmers from all parts of our state, who showed their appreciation of efforts made to make a pleasing and profitable display of machinery, by the interest manifested in the same.

In closing this report, gentlemen, I desire to tender my sincere thanks to the management for the assistance and courtesies shown

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the department; to the exhibitors and agents for their efforts to make the display complete. All of which is respectfully submitted.

J. E. SEAVER,
Supt. Wis. State Fair.

REPORT OF SUPERINTENDENT OF ART DEPARTMENT.

Wisconsin State Board of Agriculture.

Gentlemen—Early in the spring I corresponded with artists and exhibitors at former fairs. When premium list was issued, the secretary kindly furnished me with one thousand slips of the premiums offered in the art department. The exhibit in this department this year was, I think, equal if not better, than any former fair. The exhibitors were well pleased and everything seemed satisfactory. To show the business of this department, I give the figures for several years past, viz.:

	1894.	1895.	1896.	1897.	1898.
No of exhibitors	57	115	120	87	90
Exhibits	778	1,397	1,790	1,630	1,810
Expense department	$228 25	$170 70	$186 57	$168 62	$144 05
Receipts	.....	.....	.....	.....	$162 00

The display in fine art (paintings in oil and water colors) was larger and better that ever before, the pictures being of a finer grade and many original. The Art classes of Milwaukee have taken a great deal of interest this year, and, if called on, they will help and add much to the attraction in this department. The itemized bill of expenses has been given to Secretary Everett, who has the same on file.

RECOMMENDATIONS.

There should be more judges. Threejudges one day will cost no more than one judge three days, and it will give better satisfaction if there are different judges in the classes.

The matter of helpers should be left to the superintendent so

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as to have more help the first and last day, and less the other days, as the exhibits in this department are all small goods and the utmost care has to be taken to see that everything goes to the right owner. Your superintendent doubts the good of a premium on collection or sweepstakes in this department. The same amount of money offered in additional premiums would, I think give better satisfaction. The clerk who has the books of this department should be in the building during the fair, as there are constantly questions that refer to entries and much trouble can be saved by having the books there. A rule should be made that no goods would be received that are not tagged. Many come in with an armful or even trunk of goods, put them up without a tag and then go and leave them, and the next day send the tags in a bunch to the superintendent with the request he put them on.

Another. Superintendents will do all they can to help in every way, but exhibitors must attend to the placing their own display or pay for having it done.

Articles and pictures should be classified, and the board should furnish the superintendent printed cards before the fair, with names and number of collection. These cards would be good for several years. All exhibits in this department should be confined to residents of Wisconsin. A class for old ladies' work would be quite attractive, and many articles will be exhibited in such a class.

The children's department has not been very successful, and should be dropped, as there have been but few entries.

BUILDING.

The building (Art hall) should be painted inside a dull color, (or calsomined). The roof leaks in a number of places and should be attended to before the next fair. If it were possible to enlarge the hall, it should be done, as it has been crowded for three years past. If this cannot be done, a partition should be built over the China case which would give back ground for many more pictures, and might do. This building is certainly one of the most attractive on the grounds, as seen by the report is self sustaining as to running expenses. If the board should have the superintendent of this building send in statement in June of

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what is needed, the board could act on it and have everything ready before the fair. At the close of fair, there were quite a number of articles uncalled for. Our department was kept open all day Saturday, and at night all articles uncalled for were turned over to the secretary's office, I getting a receipt for the same, and I think everything has been returned before this date.

Following is a statement of moneys received and expended in art department:

1 Superintendent, 9 days	$45.00
1 Assistant Superintendent, 6 days	21.00
3 Judges, total 8 days	40.00
3 Helpers, 16 days, total	32.00
Extra Work	.75
Postage for year 1898	5.30
Total	$144.05

Respectfully submitted,

E. B. HEIMSTREET,

Superintendent.

REPORT OF SUPERINTENDENT OF DEPT. FORAGE.

Wisconsin State Board of Agriculture.

Gentlemen—I am pleased to submit the following report:

Disbursements.

3,673 lbs. Middlings, 55c	$20 20
11,126 lbs. Oats, 26c	91 99
2,452 lbs. Corn Meal, 70c	17 19
2,225 lbs. Hominy, 65c	14 46
4,886 lbs. Bran	26 87
2,215 lbs. Ground Oats, $1.00	22 15
400 lbs. Oil Meal, $1.20	4 80
33,517 lbs. Timothy Hay, 47½c	159 39
2,141 lbs. Shelled Corn, 37c	13 73
1,069 lbs. Cracked Corn, 70c	8 19

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2,900 lbs. Rye Straw (baled), 37½c	115 00
20,005 lbs. Rye Straw (loose)	55 00
10,660 lbs. Oats Straw	29 32
145 lbs. Wheat, 55c	1 87
307 lbs. Peas	3 55
900 Head Cabbage, 1¾c	15 75
156 Sacks	8 10
9,000 lbs. Baled Shavings	16 28
3 ton Clover Hay	25 00
D. W. Howie, for coal	8 38
W. O. Paine, 2 delivery wagons and horses	12 00
Weighing bill	9 30
Fred Collins, for labor in forage department	17 00
Lew Collins, for labor in forage department	19 00
Cash to Mr. Everett, secretary	100 00
Total	$814 52

Receipts.

1898.			
Sept.	17	By cash	$27 96
	18	By cash	78 99
	19	By cash	98 83
	20	By cash	46 50
	21	By cash	99 71
	22	By cash	77 51
	23	By cash	214 64
	24	By cash	20 37
		Total	$664 51

Summary.

Total disbursements	$814 52
Total receipts	664 51
	$150 01

Respectfully submitted,

A. L. VANNAMAN,

Superintendent.

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REPORT OF SUPERINTENDENT OF TRANSPORTATION.

Wisconsin State Board of Agriculture.

Gentlemen—In accordance with rule 10 of By-laws I herewith submit report of Department of Transportation:

Teaming privilege sold to five men:

John Barnokow, one team	$8 00
John Miller, one team	8 00
John Fleming, one team	8 00
Ed. Neab, one team	8 00
A. Neab, one team	8 00
	$40 00
Paid for livery hire	$2 00
Paid for guard, last day	2 00
Paid for sundries	30
	$4 30
Total receipts	$40 00
Total expenses	4 30
Balance turned in to secretary	$35 70

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN LE FEBER,

Supt. Dept. Transportation.

REPORT OF SUPT. OF DEPT. OF PRIVILEGES.

Wisconsin State Board of Agriculture.

Gentlemen—I herewith present my report of moneys received and expended in Department of Privileges during State Fair of 1898:

Receipts.

For rent of dining hall privileges	$565 00
For rent of show privileges	296 00
For rent of advertising privileges	100 00

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For rent of score card privileges.....	200 00
For rent of candy, pop corn, peanut, etc., privileges.	694 00
For amount received from check room.....	3 70
	$1,858 70

Disbursements.

Paid to president the score card privilege.....	$200 00
Paid to president on dining hall privilege.....	200 00
Paid to state treasurer.....	1,325 00
Paid rebate on advertising privilege.....	25 00
Paid to Miss E. Werbryck, asst. supt. privilege....	24 00
Paid to Miss L. Jackson, check room attendant....	10 00
Paid for 1,000 checks.....	2 50
Paid for telegrams	1 20
Paid for express	80
Amount in my hands.....	70 20
	$1,858 70

S. D. HUBBARD,
Supt. of Privileges, Wis. State Fair.

REPORT OF SUPT. OF DEPT. OF GATES.

Wisconsin State Board of Agriculture.

Gentlemen—I am pleased to hand you my report as Superintendent of Gates at State Fair of 1898.

I had engaged as gate keepers seventeen men besides my assistant. Eleven of these men were placed at the five outside gates and five at the grand stand. Tickets were sold at four of the gates and at one for the convenience of stock men. For some unknown reason the attendant at stock gate collected $4.50 in cash which was paid to treasurer, for which I hold his receipt as per statement below.

I am glad to report that everything in my department moved along smoothly, and, aside from a little trouble with a band of gamblers outside the gates, there was no apparent discord,

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Following is a statement of the moneys received and expended in department of gates:

Sept. 22—Paid H. Eifealdt, 3 days	$6.00	
Sept. 22—Paid J. F. Flanders, 4 days	8.00	
Sept. 22—Paid J. E. Faber, 1½ days	3.00	
Sept. 22—Paid H. Shultz, 4 days	8.00	
Sept. 22—Paid R. O. Wedgwood, 4 days	8.00	
Sept. 22—Paid G. W. Gilkey, 3 days	6.00	
Sept. 22—Paid Doc McMath, 4½ days	9.00	
Sept. 22—Paid T. H. Lyons, 4½ days	9.00	
Sept. 22—Paid T. J. Stephenson, 1 day	2.00	
Sept. 23—Paid Syl Duquaine, 2 days	4.00	
Sept. 23—Paid D. R. Wedgwood, 4 days	8.00	
Sept. 23—Paid J. A. Wedgwood, 4 days	8.00	
Sept. 23—Paid Jas. Whitty, 4 days	8.00	
Sept. 23—Paid Arthur Cleveland, 4 days	8.00	
Sept. 23—Paid John Oslock, 4 days	8.00	
Sept. 23—Paid Antone Peters, 4 days	8.00	
Sept. 23—Paid Fred Keohne, 4 days	8.00	
Sept. 23—John E. Coleman, 4 days	8.00	
Sept. 23—Paid John Race, 4 days	8.00	
Sept. 23—Paid John Smith, 1 day	2.00	
Sept. 23—Paid A. M. Burr, livery, 2½ days	5.00	
Sept. 23—Paid John Eastman, asst., 7 days	24.50	
Sept. 23—Paid David Wedgwood, 7 days and mileage	38.85	
Sept. 23—Paid David Wedgwood, expense board meetings	50.62	
Sept. 23—Paid state treasurer receipt	4.50	
	$260.47	
Sept. 22—Recd. by check		$136.00
Oct. 7—Recd. by check		119.97
Oct. 7—Recd. by gate attendant		4.50
		$260.47

Respectfully submitted,

DAVID WEDGWOOD,

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REPORT OF PRESS AGENT.

Milwaukee, Wis., Sept. 23, 1898.

Wisconsin State Board of Agriculture.

Gentlemen—I desire to report to your honorable body that as your press agent, I have caused to be inserted in Milwaukee newspapers display advertising for the state fair aggregating a total of 574 inches of space, had it all been published at one time in one newspaper. It has been published in the various papers of Milwaukee and distributed to the best of my judgment, always having in view the benefits likely to be derived from the expenditure contracted.

The total gross cost of this advertising, at rates agreed upon is $542.25. In accordance with my instructions, I set out to keep the expense within $500. The space which I could use daily was carefully scheduled at the start and Thursday morning was reached with the schedule unbroken. The rain Thursday changed conditions and seemed to justify and necessitate a little swelling of expense in the hope to make Friday's fair result satisfactorily. I assumed the responsibility to meet the seeming exigencies of the situation, full of faith that results would justify the means. Upon this you are to judge.

Friday morning, the advertising having been finished, I visited the various newspaper offices to obtain their bills. Notwithstanding the fact that most of the Milwaukee newspaper publishers had, at the outset, given a reduced rate for the State Fair advertising, I appealed to the patriotism of the publishers for a special reduction, because the rain of Thursday had enforced a reduction in State Fair receipts.

The result of this appeal was the securing of a net reduction upon all of the bills of $119.98, leaving the net amount of advertising bills payable, on account of my placing the work, of $442.27. With but one exception, The Milwaukee Journal, the publishers appealed to cheerfully granted the reductions requested.

It is but just to state that all of the Milwaukee newspapers have been most generous in their gratuitous support of the State

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Fair. Their daily reports have been most full, fair and encouraging. Their advance work was equally commendable.

Of those dailies having weekly issues in connection, Mr. Aiken, of The Evening Wisconsin Company, cheerfully gave space for nearly a column advance writeup in his weekly and published the same matter in a large number of other papers throughout the state which are partly printed in The Wisconsin office. Mr. Huegin, manager of The Sentinel, gave an extensive writeup in his weekly as well as a full two column display advertisement. Mr. Boyd, manager of The Journal, kindly consented to give a quarter column of reading matter in his weekly. For these contributions of space I furnished copy.

While it will be regarded as a most generous act on the part of the various publishers to have reduced the aggregate of their bills in the sum of $119.98, in aid of your efforts to establish a genuine agricultural Fair, with its home at Milwaukee, it is also safe to assume full assurance that their action and efforts are no over-representation of the general sentiment of the good citizens of Milwaukee. Not only the newspapers of the city, but the business men and the citizens as a whole, are in most hearty sympathy with the work in which your board is engaged, the establishing of a genuine Farmers' Agricultural State Fair to be held every year at Milwaukee.

It is my belief that had I asked these generous-hearted publishers of Milwaukee newspapers to contribute another 25 per cent. of their bills, fairly earned, to your board, in the interest of the State Fair, they would have granted the request. But I had not the heart to ask it.

Gentlemen, I have the honor to remain your obedient servant,

R. H. O'DELL,
Press Agent.

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